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Letter dated 26 May 1984 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the  
Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations addressed to  
the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a statement dated  
26 May 1984 by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's  
Republic of China.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the circulation of this letter  
and its enclosure as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 11 of  
the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) MI Guojun  
Acting Permanent Representative  
of the People's Republic of China  
to the United Nations

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**ANNEX**

STATEMENT BY THE SPOKESMAN OF  
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA  
26 May 1984

Since early April this year, the Chinese frontier troops in Yunnan and Guangxi, in their defensive counter-attack against the intruding Vietnamese troops in certain areas along the Sino-Vietnamese border, have repulsed the repeated attacks of the Vietnamese troops, destroyed some Vietnamese fortifications and positions and wiped out the Vietnamese troops entrenched on China's territory, thus safeguarding the security of China's border areas.

In face of the intensifying provocations and intrusions of the Vietnamese troops, the Chinese frontier troops were forced to hit back. Over a long period, the Vietnamese authorities have kept making provocations along the Sino-Vietnamese border. Since spring this year, the Vietnamese troops have stepped up their provocations and intrusions. They fired at China's border areas, raided Chinese border villages and towns, killed peaceable Chinese inhabitants and disrupted the spring ploughing in China's border areas. What is even more intolerable, large number of Vietnamese troops intruded into Chinese territory and committed every evil. If China had not hit back, it would have been impossible for us to check the Vietnamese intrusion, protect the normal life and production of the people and safeguard peace and security of the border areas.

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The Chinese Government has always treasured the traditional friendship between the Chinese and Vietnamese peoples and has made persistent efforts for the maintenance of peace and tranquility along the Sino-Vietnamese border. Provided that the Vietnamese authorities refrain from carrying out provocations and intrusions, tension along the Sino-Vietnamese border will be eased. China's consistent position is: "We will not attack unless we are attacked; if we are attacked, we will certainly counter-attack." Should the Vietnamese authorities choose to ignore our advice and cling obstinately to their course, we will have to continue to make the necessary response. We hope that the Vietnamese authorities will think it over carefully and act sensibly.

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